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In his report at the prize-distribution of the Shanghai Municipal School for Chinese on the 16th inst., the Headmaster, Mr. G. I. S. Kemp, said:—We have at present a staff of seventeen to teach 400 boys. In addition to the ordinary work of the school, the English masters have given regular lectures in psychology, school method and phonetics to the Chinese teachers of English, and criticism lessons have been held. These Normal classes are intended to take the place of the professional training which every well qualified teacher should have, but which the majority in China cannot obtain, for the simple reason that there are insufficient training colleges for teachers.

As regards the work of the English department, special attention has been given to the correct pronunciation of English, but in the case of pupils who have had so-called "lessons" in English from ill-qualified teachers before entering the school, the task of purifying the pronunciation is an extremely difficult one, and this is where the use of phonetics is most valuable.

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As regards the curriculum of the three schools, the policy has been from the first to lay due stress on the importance of having well trained and well educated men to conduct the schools, and as regards the pupils, each boy, being of Chinese nationality, is expected to become proficient in the Chinese language as well as in English. No boy is allowed to neglect the study of the native tongue in order to learn English more quickly.

CHINA AND REPUBLICANISM.

PROFESSOR MCELROY'S VIEWS.

At a dinner of the Saturday Club and the University Club at the Palace Hotel, Shanghai, on the 16th inst., the Hon. Mr. Tang Sui-yei, who presided, referring to the Government of China, said they had heard a great deal about quarrels and discussions in the Government. It was an unfortunate necessity that there should be quarrels. From any point of view it was a healthy sign that they should quarrel with the Government so long as they all knew each other. "It is better to quarrel than to fight," was the whimsical remark with which Mr. Tang wound up his remarks, amid great laughter.

REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

Professor McElroy, dealing with representative government, urged that in our experiment in representative government, China had been true to her political philosophy and her traditions. He said that being so, it would be very easy for the Chinese who lived under a despotic rule to realize that the code was not a code but a citizen or a free citizen, and entitled to the same freedom, the same privileges, as any other citizen of that government. He never saw a Chinese constable, an Indian, or a European strike a constable without realizing that then was struck a blow at the fundamental structure of the Republic. In the extraordinary experiment there had arisen an extraordinary crisis in the history of a nation of 400,000,000 people. He knew, as everyone in that room knew, of the dangers which were menacing the success of the experiment, a menace not only to the success of the Republican experiment but to the whole movement towards attaining the rights of man in the vast institutions and the vast continent of Asia. As they caught the drift of the undercurrents which came to a man after a few months in this country, they all began to realize the existence of an old familiar enemy. They heard the almost breathless whisper that was going through the colony with reference to the projected dissolution of the people's parliament by force of arms. The speaker then went on to show how that interference had failed in England and France and how the invitation to make the same mistake had been rejected by Washington, and then went on to state that the military might succeed in checking, but they could not push backward, nor could they destroy the idea which had become the fundamental idea of the Chinese, and, in the end, representative government would reassert itself, and whether the Assembly were dissolved or not, China in some future generation would do as other nations have done and take up the experiment where it was dropped and take it to a real conclusion whatever the effect of this particular Parliament might be. Republicanism would not fail in China. If anything failed, it would be the courage of the people, who should not be holding to the dissolution with an uncertain grip, but should have the convictions which would make the institution a success. Republicanism had not failed in Europe and it would not fail in China, but it was on its trial and this was a critical time for China and for the rest of Asia.

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MACAO NOTES.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

MACAO, January 11th.
Although there has not been much small-pox reported, vaccination is being freely resorted to.

We are having cold but bright days. It is reported to have made its appearance in some parts of the city.

The Chinese authorities have cancelled all sportsmen's licences to shoot in Chinese territory. What is the reason? The Chinese are busily engaged making preparations for their coming New Year. The prospects look brighter than they have been for the past few years, as the Chinese quarters are already well provided with the necessary articles for celebrating the occasion and there is a good influx of country people to purchase goods. The gamblers are getting ready for a harvest. Some hundreds of their tables will be placed in all the principal streets of the city for five days.

CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO FUND.

The following is the subscription list to date.

Acknowledged to November 27th, 1916 \$17,483.77

Since received:

Officers s.s. Chansang per T.M.C. 21.00

Mr. F. G. Becke, Whampoa, Canton, for November and December 40.00

December 5.00

M.S.S. December and January 10.00

From Hon. Treasurer War Charities amount earmarked for C. and T. Fund 8.25

Collected by Mrs. Arthur, List No. 2 644.13

Bank interest to 31st December, 1916 1.88

Expended to November 27th, 1916 17,164.66

\$18,132.90

Since expended:

21st December, 1916, 50,000 Cigarettes sent to Capt. Cassel for distribution amongst the troops in Hongkong 240.00

17th January, 1917, 150,000 Cigarettes sent to the troops at the Front 501.81

\$17,906.47

Balance on hand \$ 226.43

(W. A. Downey, (Hon. Sec. and Treas.))

DISCIPLINE IN ADMIRALTY TRANSPORTS.

The Gazette contains the following regulations, which have been made by the Admiralty relative to the maintenance of discipline on board Admiralty transports.

(1)—If whilst within the jurisdiction of a seaman lawfully engaged in accordance with the Merchant Shipping Acts, 1894 to 1914, to serve on board any British ship belonging to or chartered or requisitioned by the Admiralty:—

(a) Neglects or refuses without reasonable cause to join his ship or to proceed to sea in his ship, or to absent without leave from his ship or from his duty at any time; or

(b) Joins his ship in a state of drunkenness so that the performance of his duties of the navigation of his ship is thereby impeded; he shall be guilty of an offence.

(2)—The master, mate or owner of the ship or his agent or any commissioned naval or military officer may with or without the assistance of the local police officers or constables convey on board his ship any seaman who he has reason to believe to be guilty of an offence under these regulations and may arrest him without first procuring a warrant, and police officers or constables are hereby directed to give assistance if required.

(3)—No commissioned naval or military officer acting in pursuance of the powers aforesaid shall be liable to any penalty nor to any action for damages for false imprisonment.

(4)—If such seaman is brought before a court on a charge of having committed an offence under these regulations,

SPORT.

SHOOTING.

VOLUNTEER RESERVES DEFEAT DOCKYARD.

As the result of some very interesting shooting at the Taihang range on Saturday, the Volunteer Reserves defeated the Dockyard Rifle Club by a margin of fifteen points, and fully established their claim to being the most formidable collection of marksmen in the Colony. Mr. Goodman, of the Dockyard team, made the largest individual score, but the Reserves were more consistent, there being three scores of ninety and over. The full scores were as follow:—

VOLUNTEER RESERVES.				
	200	500	600	Total.
C.O.M.S. Mackay	32	29	34	95
Pte. Jenkins	30	31	29	90
Sgt. Leach	30	30	29	89
Pte. McLennan	28	29	28	85
C.O.M.S. Tolan	28	28	28	84
Corpl. Lyon	25	28	27	80
Lt. Thornhill	25	27	30	82
Sgt. Bannerman	27	28	24	79
Total	220	235	233	688

* Open sight.

DOCKYARD.				
	200	500	600	Total.
Mr. Goodman	32	33	31	96
Mr. Elson	29	33	33	95
Mr. Brock	30	27	31	88
Mr. Allen	29	27	29	85
Mr. Sears	28	27	29	84
Mr. Cousins	25	28	29	82
Mr. Wright	30	28	24	82
Mr. Brown	34	28	24	86
Total	230	227	230	687
Less deduction of 4 per cent. for Aperture Sights				3
Net				684

CRICKET.

VOLUNTEERS JUST TOO GOOD FOR RESERVES.

After a most interesting contest, in which the result was in doubt for some time, the Volunteers defeated the Reserves on the Club Ground on Saturday by a margin of ten runs only. The Volunteers batted first, and put up 111 runs. The feature of the innings was the Jesopian display by Marley, whose score of 59 included four sixes and six fours. At one time, it looked as if the Reserves would win, but after Macaskill and L. Hancock had been separated the end came very quickly with the Reserves ten runs in arrears. Scores:—

VOLUNTEERS.				
E. J. B. Mitchell, c R. Hancock, b Pearce	21			
B. D. Evans, l.b.w., b Bird	5			
F. J. de Rome, c Nisbet, b Bird	26			
K. Brayshaw, c Nisbet, b Bird	6			
J. V. Braga, c Taylor, b Bird	6			
G. E. Marley, c and b Pearce	59			
M. M. Maas, c and b Pearce	50			
H. E. Muriel, b Taylor	21			
R. Kennedy, st H. Hancock, b Bird	1			
F. Sutton, l.b.w., b Pearce	13			
E. W. Hamilton, not out	6			
Extras	5			
Total	171			

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bird	13	1	74	5
Taylor	5	2	0	2
Pearce	10	1	69	4

RESERVES.				
T. E. Pearce, b Hamilton	4			
A. O. Brown, c and b Brayshaw	3			
H. E. Taylor, b Brayshaw	9			
N. Nisbet, b Hamilton	4			
R. Hancock, c Mitchell b Brayshaw	24			
C. Bewick, b Brayshaw	15			
K. M. Macaskill, c Muriel, b Marley	33			
R. E. O. Bird, c Brayshaw, b Marley	25			
H. Hancock, c Sutton, b Brayshaw	23			
Hon. Mr. C. Severn, c Mitchell, b Marley	6			
S. E. Green, not out	0			
Extras	35			
Total	161			

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Brayshaw	14	2	39	5
Hamilton	8	0	31	2
Marley	6	1	18	3
Evans	4	0	14	0
Braga	3	0	24	0

KOWLOON LOSE TO MILITARY.

The Military team defeated Kowloon in very easy fashion on the Kowloon ground on Saturday. Bating first, Kowloon compiled 18 for 9 to which Mead contributed 81 and Weaver 45. The Military batemen, following a weak beginning, scored rapidly, and passed Kowloon's total with several wickets in hand. Scores:—

KOWLOON.				
L. J. Blackburn, c Smith, b Baker	19			
J. H. Mead, c Black, b Wyatt	81			
O. Woodman, c Black, b Smith	0			
W. L. Weaver, c Smith, b Stor	45			
Lt. E. H. Gray, c Stor, b Wyatt	13			
J. P. Robinson, b Stor	4			
W. T. Elson, b Wyatt	0			
Dr. Forsyth, b Stor	0			
W. F. A. Knapton, c Dix, b Baker	5			
E. J. Edwards, not out	2			
H. Overy, not out	1			
Extras	4			
Total (for 9 wickets)	181			

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lt. Baker	10	0	58	2
Smith	6	1	35	1
McGregor	5	0	35	0
Stor	6	0	30	3
Wyatt	4	0	17	3

MILITARY.				
Lt. Baker, b Overy	3			
Sgt. McGregor, c and b Weaver	38			
Wyatt, b Gray	2			
Smith, c Woodman, b Gray	22			
Dix, not out	77			
Pace, c and b Robinson	31			
Stor, l.b.w., b Robinson	13			
Extras	3			
Total (for 8 wickets)	221			

Goddon, Rice, and Black did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gray	11	0	43	2
Overy	1	0	52	1
Weaver	5	0	30	1
Blackburn	6	0	39	0
Forsyth	2	0	18	0
Robinson	4	0	34	2

C.R.C. v. THE UNIVERSITY.

Played on the ground of the C. R. C. on Saturday and resulted in a win for the home club by 17 runs. The winners fielded only 10 batsmen, and one of these retired when his score was 21. Scores:—

UNIVERSITY.				
R. Ponsonby-Fane, c Wong, b Un	28			
J. D. Wright, b Lee	0			
C. O. Danenberg, b Lee	2			
A. de Souza, c and b Un	11			
D. K. Samy, b Un	0			
A. H. Ramjahn, b Un	12			
W. Gittins, b Ching	6			
P. P. Dixon, b Ching	0			
W. Hall, b Ching	4			
H. Hall, not out	2			
S. A. Ismail, b Un	3			
Extras	3			
Total	72			

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
G. Lee	5	0	25	2
M. T. Yew	7	3	6	0
Un Hew Fan	8.3	1	20	5
H. Ching	4	0	16	3

C.R.C.				
Wong Po Keung, retired	21			
Wai Lee Son, b Souza	11			
G. Man Lee, c Gittins, b Souza	0			
Yow Man Tsun, l.b.w., b Dixon	6			
H. Ching, b Dixon	0			
Un Hew Fan, c Fane, b Wright	12			
G. Lee, b Fane	16			
J. Wong, c Hall, b Ramjahn	0			
A. Kew, not out	10			
Mok Hing, c Hall, b Fane	0			
Extras	3			
Total (for 9 wickets)	99			

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
D. P. Dixon	12	5	36	2
A. de Souza	5	1	16	2
J. D. Wright	3	0	15	1
A. H. Ramjahn	4	2	7	1
R. Ponsonby-Fane	1.2	0	7	2
S. A. Ismail	1	0	1	0

MARRIED v. SINGLE.

A match between the married and single members of the Hongkong C.C. will be played on the Club Ground on Wednesday, the 24th inst., commencing at 10 a.m. punctually. The Single will be represented by the following:—R. E. O. Bird, R. A. B. Ponsonby-Fane, Lt. E. H. Gray, E. W. Hamilton, W. Kay, R. Kennedy, M. M. Maas, L. D. McNicoll, E. J. R. Mitchell, F. J. de Rome and W. H. Stapleton.

BILLIARDS.

SHANGHAI AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP. In the final round of the Shanghai Amateur Championship, played at the Masonic Hall on the 16th inst., Mr. Porter defeated Mr. Remedios, after a remarkably interesting contest, by 1,000 points to 894. At half-time the score was 500-400 in favour of the winner. Mr. Porter's highest breaks were: 70, 68, 64, 49, 42, 43, 42, and 41; and Mr. Remedios' best were: 55, 43 and 41.

SHANGHAI RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE INTERPORT MATCH.

At the annual general meeting of the Shanghai Rifle Association on the 15th inst., Dr. S. A. Ransom, who presided, said:—The Interport match was abandoned last year and the same course would have to be pursued during the coming year. Hongkong had raised the question as to firing the match as usual, and Shanghai had replied in the affirmative. Correspondence was then had with Singapore and Penang, and both those ports showed a disinclination to fire the match this year. Hongkong therefore indicated, as the senior port, that the match must be abandoned. Hongkong, in a very sportsmanlike manner, suggested a match with Shanghai, and this matter would be taken up by the new executive committee.

Referring to the accounts, the Chairman said that the Association was in a very enviable position, largely due to the energies of Mr. Collico. The Committee had increased the fixed deposit to \$3,555, which had been converted into sterling at 3/6. They would probably make considerable profit on the exchange. The following Committee was elected:—Dr. S. A. Ransom, Messrs. W. J. Monk, R. K. Hykes, A. C. Crighton, O. L. Albert, W. J. E. Forsyth, and Mr. A. M. Collico (Secretary and Treasurer). Mr. Collico announced that the Association had over 8,000 rounds of ammunition in hand, and would require about another 8,000 for the year.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG LEAGUE.

R.G.A. v. K.S.L.I.

By their victory over the R.G.A. on Saturday the Shropshires now occupy the most favourable position in this league. They thoroughly deserved their win, for they were unquestionably the better team. Early in the game Garrod was called upon and punched away well from Peplow. Wall cleared a nice centre from Halls, after which Machin became very dangerous, but was hustled and put the ball behind. The Shropshires were giving the Gunners very little peace around the R.G.A. goal, and Garrod was called upon to save from all angles and directions. Dickenson once, hard-pressed, had to pass back to Garrod, who punched away a low ball. Machin again came into prominence and gained applause for a fine effort. Garrod played a magnificent game in this half and saved his goal time after time. It was very rare that the Artillerymen were allowed to get out of their own half. Clayton and Wall rising to the occasion every time danger threatened and clearing in fine style. Leighton spoiled a fine pass from Gorman by a foolish "hands." Braddock then put in a lovely centre, but Machin headed it over the bar. Still the Shropshires pressed, and Dickenson headed away from the goal-mouth. Then they nearly scored again from a corner. Talford made a great effort, and after beating several players, gave the ball to Halls, who put in a fine shot, but it was a trifle too high and hit the cross-bar. This was almost the only time in the first half that the Gunners looked at all dangerous. Half-time arrived with no score.

During the interval the R.G.A. re-arranged their team, Dickenson coming into the centre, Youngman going to outside right and Saunders back. Dickenson, who always plays such a fine game at back, seems an equally good forward, and for a time the R.G.A. quite took charge of affairs. After many exciting scenes around the Shropshires' goal, in which Dickenson figured prominently, the ball was got away and Garrod fisted away from Morris. Saunders cleared well and the R.A. had another spell, Dickenson putting in a fine shot which just passed across the goal-mouth. Braddock worked himself into a good position but shot badly. A miskick by Saunders, followed by another by Edgeler, and the R.G.A. goal was again in danger but remained intact. Dickenson was in a fine position for scoring, but Thomas spoiled his chance. Gorman put in splendid work for the Gunners at right half and looked after Peplow well. Peplow put the ball into goal from a corner, but as it had gone straight in, it did not count. Garrod was not so safe in this half, several times attempting dangerous punches, when he had time to gather the ball. From one of these punches he missed altogether and Pritchards looked like scoring but put the ball behind. Youngman sent in a good shot and the Infantry custodian was kept busy again for a while. The first goal came to the Shropshires from a penalty given for handling against Saunders. Peplow took the kick and made no mistake. Garrod was injured while trying to clear from Pritchards, but recovered sufficiently to continue playing. The Shropshires' second goal was a fine one, Jones getting nicely to a fine corner kick by Peplow and heading the ball into goal well out of the reach of Garrod. Result:—R.S.L.I., 2; R.G.A., 0. Teams:—R.G.A.—Garrod; Caple and Dickenson; Gorman, Talford and Edgeler; Saunders, Thomas, Youngman, Leighton and Halls. K.S.L.I.—Pritchards; Clayton and Wall; Morris, Williams and Henn; Braddock, Machin, Pritchards, Jones and Peplow.

R.E. v. H.K.V.C.

The Club were at full strength for this match on their ground at the Valley on Saturday, and had expectations of further strengthening their lead in the league table. They started in good style, the forwards combining cleverly, and Scott and Coxon had to exert themselves to keep matters even. McTavish and Rodger on the left worked the ball down time and again, but the shooting was not at all deadly, excepting one very hard shot from Chassels that flew a few inches wide of the posts. Pearce and White on the R.E. left worked well together, and the former had beaten both Ralston and Black, and had a clear run for goal, when he was illegally brought down by Black, which raised the ire of some R.E. supporters. Still the game continued to be contested in good spirit, and matters were very level throughout. Stalker and Chassels manoeuvred the ball through, but the final shot (Stalker's) was a little wide of the objective. Scott hustled and hustled the Club forwards, and was able occasionally to give the wing forwards good openings. Of this they took full advantage, both Pearce and Millard sending over centres that caused the Club defence a lot of trouble. The first goal fell to the R.E. the ball going into the goal and out again so quickly that not everyone realised that a goal was scored. Townsend did the trick, a fast high shot from his eluding Goldenberg, who punched it out after it had hit the net. This caused the Club to redouble their efforts, but, although Stewart kept the ball in the soldiers' end as much as possible, they were unable to score and the soldiers were at Goldenberg's end often and were always dangerous. Half-time found the soldiers leading by one goal to nil.

Before the second half had long been in progress the Club had a distinct piece of bad luck. Robinson had run down finely on the wing and his centre was headed towards goal by McTavish. A goal seemed very probable, but the ball hit the crossbar and was cleared. After that Stalker had a chance, but there were too many defenders in the way, and play was transferred to the Club end. Horcop had played a good spoiling game for the soldiers, and with Allen (now centre-half in place of Scott) broke up the Club forwards, as well as helping on his own. White and Scott made several good efforts to increase the soldiers' lead, but Black and McTavish were sound and gave little away. While the Club were pressing hard at the soldiers' goal, the equaliser was scored by Stalker, who sent a shot into goal, though closely beset. This was good work, and many were looking for the next goal, but the Sappers fought stubbornly and every time their right wing got away—which was frequently—its spell danger for the Club. Millard seemed to get the better of McCubbin more than any other player has done this season, and from one of his numerous well-placed centres, the winning point was scored. White leaped high at the ball and headed into the net, scoring a really fine goal. Later, this capable young player nearly scored another, an overhead kick dropping on the bar and giving the Club another fright. There was time for the Club to equalise, but when they approached the R.E. goal they found plenty of opposition—more, indeed, than they could overcome. The Club therefore retired defeated in a pleasantly contested game by two goals to one. Teams:—Royal Engineers.—Wilkinson; Blumfield and Coxon; Horcop, Scott and Richards; Millard, Townsend, Allen, White and Pearce. Club.—Goldenberg; Black and McCubbin; Ralston, Stewart and Ralston; Robinson, Chassels, Stalker, McTavish and Rodger. Referee, Mr. Davies.

2ND DIVISION.

STAFF AND DEPARTMENTS v. KOWLOON.

Kowloon put up a fine show in this match, and, thanks mainly to excellent work by Van Langenberg in goal and Clemo at back, managed to hold their own with the Staff until half-time. The Staff did a lot of worrying round the opposing goal, Davies putting in a lot of dangerous shots, but the defence was never beaten. The Kowloon eleven broke away and Tatem opened the scoring. Shortly afterwards Davies equalised with a fine shot. Clemo went from back to outside left and did some useful work, but there was no further scoring before half-time.

In the second half the Staff got going, although in the early stages the game was decidedly in favour of Kowloon. After Darriott had scored an offside goal, Davies registered his second, and Steele managed a third with a well-placed kick. A miskick by Lawrence in the goal-mouth was very dangerous, but the ball was cleared. Stephens, accepting a nice pass from Darriott, scored the fourth for his side, the game ending in a win for the Staff and Departments by four goals to one. Mr. Jones refereed the game.

The matches arranged between "A" Coy. K.S.L.I. v. Lusitano and S. China Athletic v. 3rd Coy. R.G.A. did not take place owing to the non-arrival of the 3rd Coy. and the Lusitano. The points will probably be awarded to their opponents, who were on the field ready to play.

HONGKONG LEAGUE 1st DIVISION

Club	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
K.S.L.I.	4	1	0	8	2	8	8
R.E.	4	3	1	2	7	6	8
Hongkong F.C.	5	3	2	0	6	4	6
K.G.A.	5	1	2	2	4	4	4
Navy	5	0	5	1	8	0	0

THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN.

His Majesty the King has been pleased to sanction the following appointments in the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England:—

Knight of Grace.
The Duke of Bedford,
Captain the Hon. Henry Brougham,
Sir Walter Edward Davidson, K.C.M.G.
Ladies of Grace.
Margaret Agnes, Lady Davidson,
Mary Evelyn, Lady McMahon,
Janet, Lady Tupper.
Equires.
Captain Angus Alexander Macintosh of Mackintosh,
Hon. Lieut.-Colonel Charles Walsh Rowley.
Hon. Associates.
Lieut.-Colonel Fred. Harvey, M.R.C.S.,
L.R.C.P., I.M.S.

LECTURE BY MR. DENMAN FULLER.

There was a large attendance, including H.E. the Governor and Lady May, Sir Charles Eliot and the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, at Mr. Denman Fuller's last lecture on "Musical Appreciation," the collection for the Fund for Blind Sailors and Soldiers amounting to over \$80. The next lecture (to which all are invited, whether Members of the Institute or not) will be given to-day at the Helena May Institute at 5.30 p.m., when Mr. Denman Fuller will speak of, and play, several pieces of the more popular type. Especial mention will be made of some common faults in their interpretation, and how to avoid these faults. Debussy's "Garden in the Rain" (Modern French) and Isaac's "Hunting Song" (Modern British) will also be played and spoken of. As at the previous Lectures, a collection will be made on behalf of the Fund for Blind Sailors and Soldiers, which is in urgent need of support.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.
FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 23rd and 24th inst., being Public Holidays, all FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business.

By Order,
A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.
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CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.
MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 23rd and 24th inst., being Public Holidays, all MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business.

By Order,
A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.
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NOTICE.

WE have This Day authorized Mr. GEORGE ERNEST WETTON to Sign our Firm per Proclamation.

H. SKOTT & Co.
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1917. [207]

WANTED.

SECRETARY (Lady or Gentleman) Wanted to generally assist the Deputy Superintendent of the Hongkong Police Reserve. (Hours, roughly, 10 A.M.-12.30 P.M., 2.30-5.30 P.M.)

Apply to—
Mr. F. C. JENKIN,
Prison Buildings,
Ice House Street.
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SECOND 5½ PER CENT. RUSSIAN INTERBANK SHORT TERM LOAN OF 1916.

ALTHOUGH THE SUBSCRIPTION LISTS were CLOSED on the 26th December, the RUSSO-ASIATIC BANK, Hongkong, is prepared to accept orders for the above Loan up to the 13th February, on the Subscription Terms, i.e., as previously advertised.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1917. [201]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Hotel Mansions, on TUESDAY, the 13th February, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 31st January to the 13th February, 1917, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. E. CLARKE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 20th January, 1917. [202]

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE.

FROM 1st February till further notice the following changes will be made in the Company's Time Table:—

SUNDAYS.
From 5 P.M. to 3.30 P.M. every quarter of an hour instead of every ten minutes.
From 6.30 P.M. to 7 P.M. every ten minutes instead of every quarter of an hour.

SUNDAYS AND WEEK-DAYS.
The 9.10 P.M. Car will be discontinued. [186]

G. R.

NOTICE.

OWING to the prevalence of SMALL-POX among the Chinese Population the Public are advised not to visit the New Year Fair.

D. W. TRATMAN,
Head of Sanitary Department.
Hongkong, 19th January, 1917. [204]

G. R.

SANITARY BOARD OFFICE,
HONGKONG.

To the OWNERS OF DOMESTIC BUILDINGS.

TAKE NOTICE that under No. 5 of the DOMESTIC CLEANLINESS and VENTILATION BY-LAWS (as amended), every Domestic Building or part of such Building within the CENTRAL Division of the City of Victoria, and the WESTERN Division of Kowloon, occupied by Members of more than one family, except those within the European Reservation or in Kowloon South of Austin Road or those parts of a Domestic Building used as a Shop, Office or Godown, must be CLEANED and LIMEWASHED THROUGHOUT by the owners during the months of December and January.

N.B.—The word "throughout" used in this Notice means that the Houses should be Lime-washed in respect of all the Walls of each Room, all Cubicles, Partitions, Stair Casings and Stair Linings, all Ceilings and the Underneath of Boats in Main Buildings, Offices and Servants' Quarters and inclusive of Verandahs.

The Backyard must have its containing Walls Lime-washed up to the level of the First Floor. Carred, Painted or Polished Woodwork in good condition, however, need not be Lime-washed, but must be Cleaned.

The CENTRAL Division of the City lies between Gilman Street and Peel Street on the East and Tank Lane and Cleverly Street on the West.

Kowloon is divided into the Eastern and Western Divisions by Nathan Road and a straight line drawn from the North end through the tunnel Service road to the North-west Boundary of Kowloon.

Dated this 16th day of January, 1917.

ADAM GIBSON,
Secretary. [205]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE CERTIFICATES, Nos. 243, 244, 245 and 246, for Five Shares each, £25 paid up, Nos. 2801/2820, standing in the Register in the name of AHMEDHAY HANIBHOY, having been declared LOST, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that unless the said Certificates be produced to the Society on or before the Twelfth day of April, 1917, new Certificates for the said Shares will be issued and the old Certificates will thereafter be held by the Society as null and void.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 12th January, 1917. [176]

NOTICE.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE CERTIFICATE, No. 858, for Five Shares, Nos. 15578/15580, standing in the Register in the name of AHMEDHAY HANIBHOY, having been declared LOST, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that unless the said Certificate be produced to the Company on or before the Twelfth day of April, 1917, a new Certificate for the said Share will be issued and the old Certificate will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 12th January, 1917. [177]

NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED

ONE CERTIFICATE for 25 Shares Nos. 7480/7484 and ONE CERTIFICATE for 5 Shares Nos. 51403/51407 in this Company, standing in the name of Mr. TANG LAM KOO, late of 15, Queen's Road, Hongkong, have been LOST, and if at the expiration of One Month from the date hereof the above documents be not forthcoming, other Certificates for the said Shares will be issued by the Company and thereafter no other will be acknowledged.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.
Hongkong, 11th January, 1917. [175]

BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912 the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of Public Business on TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 23rd and 24th instants.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1917. [197]

NOTICE OF DIVIDEND.

WILHELM & SCHLUTER in LIQUIDATION.

FIRST DIVIDEND OF 20%.

CREDITORS of the above Firm are hereby notified that a First Dividend of 20 per cent. on the amount of their Claims will be paid on application to the undersigned on and after THURSDAY, the 1st of February, 1917.

W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.,
No. 16, Queen's Road Central,
Liquidators. [179]

THE HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA WAR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

APPLICATION forms for Membership of the above Association may be obtained from all the Banks or from the undersigned.

THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

Honorary Secretaries and Treasurers. [185]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the UNION TRADING COMPANY, No. 3, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, that on and after this date and until further notice Mr. S. M. CHURN and Mr. C. HONKEY are the only Managers of the Firm and no person except them has any authority to sign any instrument or document on behalf of the Firm.

The Public is requested to bring to the Firm's notice any instrument or document purporting to be made by the Firm whether before or after this date which is not signed by either the said S. M. CHURN or the said C. HONKEY.

THE UNION TRADING Co.
Hongkong, 19th January, 1917. [198]

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

LADIES' COMPETITION.

A CUP has been presented by a Member of the Club which will be played for over the Relief Course during the CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, January 23rd and 24th, under the following conditions:—

9 holes Bogey.
As many Cards may be taken out as Competitors wish.

There will be a Fee of 50 cents per card, the proceeds to go to War Charities.

Men's Tees only to be used.

Three-eighths of Handicap for the 9 holes.

Strokes to be taken per Bogey score.

Competitors to arrange their own matches.

Cards to be signed by a Competitor, or Member of or Subscriber to the Golf Club. [200]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 29th day of January, 1917, at 8 P.M., at the Office of His EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Nathan Road, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of His MAJESTY THE KING, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lots	Boundary Description (Approximate)	Area (Approximate)	Original Area (Approximate)	Original Area (Approximate)	Original Area (Approximate)	Original Area (Approximate)	Original Area (Approximate)	Original Area (Approximate)	Original Area (Approximate)
1	Lot 1, Nathan Road, Kowloon	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
2	Lot 2, Nathan Road, Kowloon	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
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4	Lot 4, Nathan Road, Kowloon	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
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6	Lot 6, Nathan Road, Kowloon	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
7	Lot 7, Nathan Road, Kowloon	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
8	Lot 8, Nathan Road, Kowloon	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
9	Lot 9, Nathan Road, Kowloon	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
10	Lot 10, Nathan Road, Kowloon	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & COMPANY, LIMITED, on MONDAY, 29th January, 1917, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 18th, to MONDAY, 29th January, 1917 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Company.
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.
General Agents for the West Point Building Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 11th January, 1917. [178]

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRD ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & COMPANY, LIMITED, on MONDAY, 29th January, 1917, at 11.45 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 18th, to MONDAY, 29th January, 1917 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Company.
Hongkong, 11th January, 1917. [179]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & COMPANY, LTD., on MONDAY, 29th January, 1917, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 18th, to MONDAY, 29th January, 1917 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 11th January, 1917. [180]

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., on MONDAY, 29th January, 1917, at 12.15 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 18th, to MONDAY, 29th January, 1917 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 11th January, 1917. [181]

WANTED.

ENGINEER, Br. or abstr. for 14-hour or 12-hour shift, for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the machinery of the W. S. BAILEY & Co., Ltd., Kowloon.

W. S. BAILEY & Co., Ltd.,
Kowloon. [105]

G. R.

WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the Headquarters Office, Victoria Barracks, Hongkong, for the undermentioned Services, until 12 o'clock noon on the dates stated:—

Pull and Washing, 16th February, 1917.
Ponies and Indian Supplies, 24th Feb. 1917.
Medical and General Supplies "A," 22nd Feb. 1917.

General Supplies "B," 2nd March, 1917.
Forms and other particulars may be obtained personally at the above Office between the hours of 10 A.M. and 1 P.M.

Tender Forms must be properly filled up, signed and dated, and delivered in a sealed envelope marked "TENDER FOR FORAGE," etc.

Tenders must be, and will not be entertained unless accompanied by a deposit of \$100 as a guarantee of good faith, such sum to be forfeited to the State if the tenderer fails to attend at the Headquarters Office after twenty-four hours' notice in writing being left at the tenderer's address, or fails to send in samples within twenty-four hours of written application being left at the said address, or refuses to accept a contract allotted to him.

The right to reject all, or any, tenders is specially reserved. [193]

G. R.

NOTICE.

ANY EUROPEAN, Non-Asiatic or Indian desiring to leave the Colony should apply in person at the CENTRAL POLICE STATION between the hours of 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. and 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. daily.

Applicants will be required to produce Passports or Identification papers.

All persons with certain exceptions who remain in the Colony for more than 7 days are required to Register themselves under the REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE 1916.

Forms of Registration giving the particulars required may be obtained at the G.P.O. and at all Police Stations.

The Penalty for non-compliance is a fine not exceeding \$50. [182]

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MARRIAGE.

BERRY-PORTS.—In London, on January 12th, 2nd Lieut. S. G. BERRY, 3rd Somerset Light Infantry, son of the late W. G. BERRY, London, to RUTH SEABROOK, younger daughter of JOHN SEABROOK, Ports, London, late of Bahia, Brazil.

DEATH.

MACKINNON.—At the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, on January 13th, JOHN BERNARD ANTHONY MACKINNON, only surviving son of Thomas Campbell Mackinnon and Eliza Mackinnon (née Forbes) of 8, Crescent Grove, Clapham, London. Aged 35 years.

Hongkong Office: 10A, Des Voeux Road, C.
London Office: 181, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG 22ND JANUARY, 1917.

HONGKONG AND THE WAR

Two very gratifying announcements have been made by the Hongkong Government during the week-end. One is that the Colony's financial contribution towards the cost of the war is to be increased to five million dollars, which, at the present rate of exchange, represents well over half a million sterling; the other is that wider use is to be made of the local Volunteer Force for military purposes.

The first is a very welcome surprise, for, although, when the Bill for raising a local loan of \$3,000,000 for Imperial war purposes was before the Legislative Council last October, H.E. the Governor indicated that if the loan were a success, it might be possible to extend it, the public support of that loan, for reasons which do not reflect upon the patriotism of the Colony, is generally understood to have been disappointing, notwithstanding that the whole sum was forthcoming. Happily, however, the additional sum of \$2,000,000 which has now been promised to the Imperial War Chest will be derived from the Colony's revenue, and without any increase of taxation.

Three-quarters of the amount are furnished by the surplus funds remaining in the hands of the Government at the end of 1916 and are available immediately; the balance will be remitted later in the year. On this occasion the

Government certainly cannot be accused of any undue delay, for a resolution embodying their decision has not yet been passed by the Legislative Council. No difficulty is likely to arise, however, in complying with the necessary formalities, inasmuch as the GOVERNOR's cablegram to the Secretary of State for the Colonies states that the unofficial members of both the Executive and Legislative Councils unanimously approve of the proposed course. Nor can there be any doubt that the unofficial members faithfully interpret the sentiments of the community, who will rejoice in this opportunity to give a further proof of its oneness with the rest of the Empire in the present crisis. A similar spirit will ensure a ready and cheerful response to the military demands which may be made upon the British section of the population. For a long time past the members of the Volunteer Corps and of the Volunteer Reserve have been chafing under the feeling that they were not taking an adequate part in the great struggle, and many of the younger members, though assured that their retention in the Colony was necessary, were eager to be released for service at the front, or, at the least, to be entrusted with a greater measure of responsibility for local defence. The terms of the official announcement are vague, but, as far as they go, they are satisfactory. We may expect some more specific statement in due course when the precise nature of the duties to be discharged by the Volunteers has been decided. That, of course, involves the consideration of a number of questions, amongst them the source from which men for the firing-line are to be obtained. Obviously it will be very difficult for commercial houses to reduce much further their already depleted European staffs if they are also to furnish men for garrison duty. Even in the existing circumstances this duty will not be discharged without considerable inconvenience, though everybody will gladly co-operate to make the scheme a success. After all, a soldier's normal working day, except for mounting guards, is short and leaves several hours free, which can be devoted to office work. In connection with the changes foreshadowed "Patriot" made a series of very opportune suggestions in our last issue, several of which are well worthy of consideration. It may, perhaps, be doubted whether the introduction of conscription at this stage would produce any very fruitful results. A good deal of moral suasion has been brought to bear to prevail upon eligible men to serve in one or other of the local auxiliary forces and there can be few, if any, now who are shirking their obligations. After all, it must be remembered that conscription does not necessarily imply that every man shall bear arms. By means of the Registration Ordinance H.E. the GOVERNOR is well aware of what each man is doing, or leaving undone, and he may be trusted to take any further steps that may be necessary to increase the armed forces of the Colony. When, however, our correspondent urges the need of reorganisations he appears to be on firmer ground, and his views, we feel sure, will be widely endorsed. There is always a tendency to regard what is as right, though conditions may have entirely changed. Greater responsibility demands greater efficiency, and the first essential of this is sound organisation. Our correspondent suggests that the whole of the local forces should be organised into one command under a paid Commandant and staff from the Regular Army, and recognised as a Territorial Battalion, whose duties are partly military and partly civil. Everyone who has had any experience in the Volunteers or Territorials will appreciate the value of a stiffening of Regular officers—both commissioned and non-commissioned—and it should be possible now to secure this desideratum from among the many men who have been to the front and are no longer fit for war service. This is the principal proposal, but there are many minor reforms which, in the aggregate, are scarcely less important and would probably follow as a natural consequence from the first—such, for example, as the substitution of field exercises for barrack-square drill, the weeding out of officers unable to give proof of their competence, and the transfer of men with technical knowledge from the infantry into specialised branches of the service for which they are qualified. The selec-

tion of officers, to which reference is made, must always be a difficult task in a corps in which the vast majority of the men whom they will command are of equal educational attainments and social standing to themselves. In such a case the proper maintenance of authority must depend on efficiency. There are few men who will withhold the respect due to merit. We do not know what system obtains in Hongkong, but we remember the Colonel Commanding one of the crack London Territorial corps announcing in orders that he knew there were many men in the ranks quite suitable for commissions, and he would, therefore, be glad to receive applications from any who felt disposed to take a commission. The officers obtained in this way were amongst the smartest in the corps.

A meeting of the Hongkong Sanitary Board is to be held on Friday, the 26th instant. The agenda contains purely formal business.

Lady May has kindly consented to distribute the prizes to the pupils of St. Paul's Institution, Causeway Bay, on Wednesday, the 31st instant, at 3 p.m.

In view of the epidemic of small-pox prevailing in the Chinese quarters of the Colony, the Head of the Sanitary Department advises the public to refrain from visiting the Chinese New Year Fair.

The China and Japan War Savings Association now has a membership of 978—an increase of 171 over the total for December—and funds amounting to \$22,619 6s. 3d., of which \$21,609 15s. 6d. were contributed for January.

It is notified by the Harbour Master in the *Gazette* that no vessel other than Naval craft is allowed, when passing, to approach within 100 yards of the Naval Dockyard walls without a written permit from the Naval Authorities.

The recently appointed Japanese Commission, whose duty it is to enforce the decisions reached at the Allied Economic Conference at Paris, held its first meeting on the 10th instant when Count Torachi, the Premier, instructed the members as to their duties.

The *Gazette* notifies that at the expiration of three months the following Companies will, unless cause is shown to the contrary, be struck off the Register and the Companies will be dissolved:—The Wa On Company, Limited; The Wing Hung Steamship Company, Limited.

In the early hours of Saturday morning a fire occurred at a small paper shop in Yau-mat. The fire spread rapidly, and five houses adjoining became involved, including the Yee Fong Chan restaurant, and these places were gutted. The flames were so fierce that three houses on the opposite side of the road also became ignited. All the brigade could do was to prevent the fire spreading further, and in this they were successful. There were no casualties.

The usual official notices are published by the Captain Superintendent of Police concerning the firing of crackers in the Colony in connection with the Chinese New Year. In the Greater part of the City of Victoria and the main residential area of the Kowloon Peninsula the times are:—On Monday, the 22nd January, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and on Tuesday, the 23rd January, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. On Monday, the 20th January, from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m.

At the British Consulate, Shanghai, on the 13th inst., Sir Everard Fraser presented a special badge, *honoris causa*, prepared by the Overseas Club, to Mr. E. H. Barnett, marshal of H.M. Supreme Court, for his services in connection with the collection of razors for the front. Mr. Barnett, in returning thanks, said the idea of appealing for razors organized with Sir Haviland de Baunemare. He wanted rather over a hundred more to make the collection of razors up to 2,000.

The offices of the Supreme Court will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the Chinese New Year Vacation except on Public and General Holidays, when the offices will be entirely closed, and on Saturday, the 27th inst., when they

THE WAR.

FIRE IN LONDON EXPLOSIVES FACTORY:

GREAT DAMAGE AND LOSS OF LIFE.

IMPROVED SITUATION IN ATHENS.

THE GERMAN RAIDER'S METHODS.

ENEMY USING EXPLOSIVE BULLETS.

Franco-Belgian Front.

LATEST CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

BRITISH FRONT.

RAID AND BOMBARDMENT.

LONDON, January 21st.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, in a communiqué, says: We carried out a successful raid on the east of Stelot.
There has been considerable artillery fire on both sides, particularly on the right of our line.
We effectively bombarded enemy positions on the La Bassée Canal, to the south-east of Bois Grenier.

FRENCH FRONT.

PRISONERS CAPTURED IN A RAID.

LONDON, January 21st.
After an artillery duel south of Lassigny an enemy coup de main failed.
The French, in a raid on the north-west of Soissons, captured prisoners.
There have been patrol encounters at Burnhaupt and in Alsace.
A strong enemy reconnaissance on the south-west of Altkirch was repulsed.

The Balkans.

LATEST CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE ROUMANIAN CAMPAIGN.

ENEMY USING EXPLOSIVE BULLETS.

LONDON, January 20th.
A wireless Russian official report states: Covered by concentrated artillery fire considerable enemy forces, attacking our Napanes front in the vicinity of the river Rymnik, pressed back our detachments towards the Sereth.
The enemy exclusively used explosive bullets, on the south-east of Rakotich, and used the same class of bullets in the Caucasus.

GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, January 20th.
A wireless German official report states: The Roumanians made desperate attacks on the north of the Buzita Valley, and were five times singularly repulsed. We captured 400 prisoners.
General Mackensen has captured Manastir, on the Sereth, despite snowstorms.

SITUATION IN ATHENS.

IMPROVING DAILY.

ATHENS, January 18th.
The situation is improving daily. Negotiations on the application of the Entente demands began yesterday. The Chief of Police has given an assurance that the released Venizelists will not be molested. The officers of the mixed military control have arrived.

Naval Activities.

LATEST CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

A SPANISH MYSTERY.

A SUBMARINE VISITS AMERICA.

COPENHAGEN, January 20th.
The Spanish submarine, referred to on the 16th instant, visited America, with despatches and couriers. The opinion is that the visit is connected with a Spanish proposal of agreement between Neutral Powers as to the defence of their interests.

THE GERMAN RAIDER.

THE PIRATES' METHODS.

PERMANUO, January 20th.
The raider stopped the steamer *Dramatis* on the 16th December, breaking out the German flag as she came alongside. Simultaneously the side of the raider dropped, revealing two guns. The *Dramatis* surrendered, and armed Germans boarded her and took off the crew, subsequently transferring them to the *Hudson Maru*, together with 237 others. The *Hudson Maru* followed the raider till the 12th of January. When any vessel was sighted the crews were driven below and the water-tight doors closed. The heat was stifling, the sanitation deficient and the food wretched, consisting of one ounce of meat daily.

THE "YARROWDALE'S" FATE

TAKEN INTO SWINEMUNDE.

BERLIN, January 20th.
An official report states: The steamer *Yarrowdale* has been brought into Swinemunde.

RUSSIAN POLITICS.

THE DUMA'S ADJOURNMENT.

LONDON, January 20th.
The fresh adjournment of the Duma on the eve of the re-assembling of Parliament is not surprising in view of the recent changes, nullifying the late hopes of cordial co-operation between Parliament and Ministers.

In connection with the resignation of the War Minister, M. Shuvaisoff, it is recalled that it was he whose demeanour and patriotic speech in the Duma, in November, aroused an outburst of enthusiasm.

Latest developments also comprise the resignation of Prince Volkowsky, Assistant Minister of the Interior, who is most popular with the Duma.

THE INDIAN WAR LOANS.

"TIMES" CRITICISM.

LONDON, January 21st.
In connection with the announcement of the Indian War Loan the *Times* criticises the policy of the Raj, and particularly Lord Meyer, in objecting to the extension of the War Loan to India, lest it should impede the raising of internal loans for normal purposes. The *Times* is sure that the expectations of a large response will be realised, and is of opinion that the Loan will work out very much upon the lines advocated by the Hon. Mr. Webb, "one of the ablest and most earnest of India's public men." As the Imperial Government have large payments to make to India the money will probably remain there, but even the comparatively modest sum of £25,000,000, mentioned by Mr. Webb as well within India's possibilities, would be a substantial help to the Home Exchequer, and tend to maintain the stability of the Exchange. The article emphasises that the Loan will be quite voluntary, and welcomes Mr. Chamberlain's assurance that no Rupee Loan will be raised in India for Indian purposes. The writer expresses the opinion that the proper course for the Raj at present is to ruthlessly cut down every class of internal expenditure, and commends to the Home Authorities the view that India ought at present to be entirely independent of food imports from England.

NO RUPEE LOAN FOR INDIAN PURPOSES.

LONDON, January 20th.
The India Office announces that no Rupee Loan will be raised in India for Indian purposes.

THE RAIDER AND NEUTRALS.

ANOTHER ISSUE BETWEEN AMERICA AND GERMANY.

WASHINGTON, January 20th.
The German Admiralty statement that neutrals in the crews of the vessels captured by the German raider have been removed as prisoners of war raises another issue between the United States and Germany. It is maintained that the men can be considered prisoners only if the vessels are considered war vessels. The State Department have held the view throughout that a vessel cannot be classed as a war ship unless it is under naval orders and a naval flag, and manned by a naval crew.

ADMIRAL DEWEY'S FUNERAL.

WASHINGTON, January 20th.
The remains of the late Admiral Dewey were buried in Washington with the highest national honours in presence of President Wilson and Members of the Cabinet and of the Supreme Court. All American war vessels fired a salute of nineteen guns.

THE "FIELD" COMPLAINT.

AN INQUIRY ORDERED.

LONDON, January 21st.
The *Daily Mail* states that Lord Derby has ordered an inquiry into the alleged raid on the Field Office.

THE WAR LOAN BOOM.

SUBSCRIPTIONS STILL POURING IN.

LONDON, January 21st.
The War Loan boom is undiminished. Twenty subscriptions yesterday totalled £34,500,000.

MR. BAILEY'S NOTE.

CORDIAL RECEPTION IN AMERICA.

NEW YORK, January 21st.
Mr. Bailey's Note has been cordially received by the American Press. The *World* says: "Nobody has stated this so against Germany with less passion and more clearness."

OBITUARY.

THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

LONDON, January 20th.
The death is announced of the Duke of Atholl.

(Sir John James Hugh Henry Stewart Murray, K.T., seventh Duke of Atholl, Lord Murray of Tullibardine, Earl of Tullibardine, etc., was born in 1850. He was Lord-Lieutenant of the County of Perth since 1873. Hon. Colonel of the 3rd Battalion, Black Watch, and late Lieutenant and Captain of the Scots Fusilier Guards. He owned about 200,000 acres. His heir is the Marquess of Tullibardine, of Scottish House fame.)

KILLED IN ACTION.

LONDON, January 21st.

Lord Gorell has been killed in action. [Henry Gorell Barnes, M.A., was the second Baron of the Baronetcy created in 1808. He was born in 1882, was Secretary to the President of the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division of the High Court of Justice, 1906-10, and Captain of the 18th Battery of the 7th London Brigade, R.F.A.]

WOMEN BARRISTERS BARRED

LONDON, January 21st.
The annual meeting of the Bar has rejected a resolution to admit women to practice.

THE KING AND GEN. SMUTS.

DA-DE-SHIAH, January 20th.
The King has sent the following message to General Smuts: As you are relinquishing the Chief Command in East Africa I desire to congratulate you on the effective manner in which you have successfully conducted operations, notwithstanding the unusually difficult conditions. I wish to thank you for the valuable services recently rendered to the Empire.

[Telegram received on Saturday and on Sunday morning and published in an "Extra" on Sunday, will be found on page 6.]

CORRESPONDENCE.

LEST WE FORGET.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—The payment by Hongkong of its surplus revenue to the War Fund is an act which must meet with general approval. However, the Colony should take to itself too much credit it is well to remember from whom this surplus is obtained. We are living in peace and luxury here, paying no War taxes except a small tax on tobacco and a slight increase in the liquor duties, which nobody feels. The surplus and much more is contributed by the Opium Smokers.—Yours, etc.,

PALMAM QUI MERUIT FERAT.

THE MAN-POWER QUESTION.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—I am a man of military ego and, while my whole thoughts and desires are with those fighting in Europe, I am forced to remain in Hongkong, on the ground that I am assisting the Empire in an equal degree by playing my part in civil British interests. If this is so, am I not entitled to some concrete evidence, to produce in post-war days, that I took a share in the mighty struggle? My Volunteer performances are subsidiary to my civil duties, and, unless the latter are officially recognised in writing, then, I submit, I should be allowed, without hesitation or restraint, to follow my own inclinations and give myself up entirely to the active defence of my country.—Yours, etc.,

HONGKONG, January 20th, 1917.

UNION CHURCH, HONGKONG.

INCREASING USEFULNESS.

The *Record* of the Union Church, Kennedy Road, Hongkong, contains a New Year's greeting to his people by the pastor, the Rev. J. K. Macdonald, in which he remarks that, "as regards our Church life and activities, there is considerable cause for thankfulness. Contributions have tended to increase, for various purposes, and there are many indications that our Church fills an important and useful place in the Christian life of the Colony."

IRREGULAR CHURCH ATTENDANCE.

Mr. Macdonald has a remark or two on the question of irregular attendance at Church. He says: "Let me put in a plea in that interest for more regular attendance on Sundays. There is no argument like a full Church, is a true saying which I quote from a New Year's letter to a certain other congregation in the East, faced with the same tendencies we meet in Hongkong. 'Nothing is less congenial to me personally than lecturing people about going to Church.' However, one's silence on the subject is apt, I find, to be mistaken for indifference, so I put in this word. Considering the distances which many have to come, and also other well-known circumstances, our congregations are often very satisfactory. Still there is room for improvement. Practically every available sitting on the ground floor of the Church is let, with some overflow into the gallery, and when that is home in view it is evident that the question of increase of presence and absence needs rectifying."

"Friends themselves best know the real causes of their action. It is not for me to judge, and it is not to me they are accountable. You must yourselves decide whether your action in the matter is wise as regards yourselves, your families if you have such, whether, also, it is fair to the Church and helpful to the cause of Christ. Whether it is fair to the Minister is a consideration I do not put forward. The matter is not a personal one, only let no one imagine the Minister does not care what happens on Sunday because he does not come round on Monday to enquire about it."

FINANCES.

The financial statement for the quarter ended on December 31st shows that the total offerings for that period amounted to \$1,495.25, compared with \$731.90 for the corresponding quarter last year.

WAR WORK PARTY.

The report of the year's work of the Ladies' Working Party shows that during the year, which has been one of "hard work," a sum of \$1,136 has been subscribed for the purchase of materials, and that from time to time materials have been supplied by the War Charities Committee. Many letters of grateful appreciation have been received from recipients of the War Party's parcels, which have gone to the Scottish Horse, the Highland Clearing Station, the Hospital ship *Thetis*, the 2nd General Hospital, Alexandria, the British Prisoners-of-war in Germany, and, individually, to the R.G.A. men who recently left Hongkong.

A report is also given of successful work in the New Territories by the Rev. T. W. Pearce.

POOR CHINESE WIDOW.

CLAIM OF \$10,000 FROM BANK OF CANTON.

The hearing of the appeal case in which a poor Chinese widow is claiming \$10,000 from the Bank of Canton, was commenced at the Hongkong Full Court on Saturday, before Sir Haviland de Saumarez (President), Sir William Rees Davies (Chief Justice), and Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz (Puisne Judge).

The Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., and Mr. O. G. Alabaster (instructed by Mr. R. O. Faithfull) appears for the appellant, and Mr. Eldon Pottor (instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master) represents respondents.

Mr. Sharp, in outlining the case, said the appellant is the widow and administratrix of a depositor of the Bank and she is claiming repayment by the Bank of the sum of \$10,000 deposited by her late husband. On August 26th and 27th, 1913, her husband, Lau Chau-tin, an officer in the Chinese Army, deposited in the Bank two sums of \$3,000 and \$2,000, but on September 21st of the same year he was executed at Canton for political reasons, leaving the sum in the bank as his sole estate. This widow left in the Bank, and when she next applied for payment it had been drawn out by others under an order of the Hongkong Court. Then came the story of a bogus action, by which the money had been obtained. On October 6th, 1913, an action was brought in the Original Court of Hongkong by one Chin Kee, who claimed from one named Lau Chau-tin, said to be living at 137, Queen's Road, the sum of \$13,000, due on certain promissory notes. The writ of the action was personally served by the Court bailiff on one calling himself Lau Chau-tin, at the address given, and, owing to the non-appearance in Court of the man when the case came on, judgment was given for the plaintiff. It was then that bogus proceedings were instituted, which might have been fraudulent or not.

The Chief Justice—in the Court below it was generally agreed that the action was a bogus one.

Proceeding, Mr. Sharp said that on October 22nd a garnishee order nisi was obtained, and a little later the order was made absolute, so that the money in the Canton Bank was paid out to the plaintiff. It was the last day of the Court. That was the last time the money was paid out. It was some time after this that the widow, who had been ignorant of all these other proceedings, applied to the Bank for her money and found that it had been paid out. The money was clearly not due to the man who had obtained it, and the widow sued the Bank of Canton for the return of the money. When the case was tried by the Chief Justice, he gave judgment for the Bank, because the money was paid out by them to the order of the Court. There were certain aspects of the case not then ruled upon, and the widow was now appealing against the Chief Justice's decision, on the grounds that the money was paid to a person not entitled to have it.

HONGKONG MAGISTRACY.

SNATCHER SENTENCED.

For snatching a gold neck chain from a Chinese girl, a coolie was sent to prison for a year, by Mr. Wood, and was ordered to receive 24 strokes with the birch, and be placed in the stocks for four hours.

THE MYSTERY MAN.

When asked to account for the possession of 45 lbs. of telephone cable, valued at \$25, a Chinese said that a man gave him the wire to carry for him. Defendant could not, however, give any information as to the identity of the man. Mr. Melbourne fined him \$10.

OBSERVANT LUKONG.

A Chinese constable was riding on a tramcar on Friday when he saw a man acting in a suspicious manner. When the man saw that he was being observed he got off the car, but the constable arrested him, and when he was taken to the Police Station a sharp instrument was found in his possession. It also transpired that he was a returned banished. His worship committed the man for trial.

THEFT OF A FIG.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. Melbourne with stealing a pig from a sty at Ho Man Tin village. The pig weighed 200 lbs. and was of the value of \$23. Defendant, after breaking into the sty and removing the animal, attempted to sell it in Yau-matzi to a dealer. The latter was suspicious, and paid over only a part of the price, arranging to pay the balance later. In the meantime he communicated with the police, and Sergeant Willis discovered the theft and defendant was arrested. Mr. Melbourne passed sentence of six weeks' hard labour and four hours' stocks.

ALLEGED CHILD ABANDONMENT.

Mr. Wood reserved decision as to committing in a charge against a Chinese mother of having abandoned her child of five years. It was stated that she was seen to lay the child, which was dressed in a bag, on the ground in Pokfulam Road, and walk away. Defendant stated that she was on her way to the convent with the child, and, being a stranger to that district, had lost her way. She denied having deserted the child, and said she carried it in a bag because the weather was cold and she was too poor to buy it sufficient clothing. She herself was insufficiently clad and was very cold at the time.

HONGKONG WEDDING.

MILLINGTON-HENDERSON.

An interesting wedding of a semi-military nature took place at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, on Saturday afternoon, when Miss Arabella V. Henderson, M.A., an assistant mistress at Bellios School, was married to Lieut. Francis C. Millington, M.C., who came to Hongkong from Shanghai with the Forces at the outbreak of war. The bride is the older daughter of the late Mr. James Henderson, Invergordon, N.B., who was one of the foremost agriculturists in Easter Ross. Her brother, Lieut. James Henderson, an assistant professor at the Aberdeen University before the war, recently won the D.C.M. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. Francis T. Millington of Hailey, Staffs.

Miss Henderson was given away by Mr. W. T. Titcher, Superintendent of the Afforestation Department. She was tastefully gowned in white net over crêpe georgette, trimmed with point lace. She also wore a bridal veil, and carried a bouquet consisting of a sheaf of white chrysanthemums and asparagus fern. Her bridesmaid was Miss Clarke, whose dress was of vieux rose silk crêpe. She also wore a black hat and carried a bouquet of mimosa. Mrs. Titcher, who also attended the bride, was dressed in navy blue mink and taffeta, with a pink hat, and carried a bouquet of pink roses. Lieut. A. E. Hall, R.G.A., acted as best man. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. L. Cooper Hunt, C.F., assisted by the Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle, in the presence of a large number of friends and acquaintances, including Mr. E. Ralphs (H.M. Inspector of Schools) and about twenty men from the bridegroom's company. The service was fully choral, and the hymns "The voice that breathed o'er Eden" and "The Love Divine" were sung. As the bridal party left the church they passed under an arch of swords held by the officers of the R.G.A.

A reception was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Titcher, 1, Peak-road, and subsequently Mr. and Mrs. Millington left for Taipo, where the honeymoon is being spent. The presents were numerous and included gifts from the Headmistress, teachers and scholars at Bellios School and from the R.G.A. officers.

CHINESE Y.M.C.A.

NEW TENNIS COURT OPENED.

The grounds on Leighton Road, at one time used by the European Y.M.C.A. as a Tennis Club, were formally opened on Saturday for joint use by the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Tennis Club and the G.P.O. Recreation Club. There was an attendance numbering about three hundred.

After tea Mr. Chan Harr, as President of the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association, asked Mr. Wolfe, the first master General, to declare the grounds open. Mr. Wolfe expressed his appreciation of the kindness of Mr. Anton, Manager of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., in loaning the grounds, which were twice as large as he thought they were. Giving a brief account of how the two clubs united in securing the same grounds, he stated that the Chinese Y.M.C.A. had always been keen on sports but had been without grounds for some time and were on the lookout for such a place when they learned that the European Y.M.C.A. no longer required them. Steps were, therefore, taken to obtain this ground. At the same time the G.P.O. were out on a quest of the same nature. For some time the health of the staff, particularly the Chinese staff, has been a matter of growing concern on the part of those in charge. Mr. Wolfe gave a few details of the duties of the mail officers. As a result of the constant friction which the mail suffers on a journey sometimes of three or four thousand miles, it is covered with dust which the sootier freely inhales. Unless something can be done to counteract the effects of this, the health of those who handle the mails must be seriously impaired. Accordingly a bathing club was organized and proved successful. But the need for more and varied recreation was felt, and, largely due to a member of His Majesty's Forces temporarily connected with the mails here and to the Superintendent of Mails, inquiries were made with reference to suitable grounds.

After conferring with representatives of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. an agreement was easily reached which will no doubt prove to the benefit of both parties. The use of the grounds falls to the Y.M.C.A. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and to the G.P.O. on the remaining days of the week.

After declaring the grounds open an opportunity was given to inspect them and witness exhibition games of Basket Ball, Volley Ball and Tennis. Adjoining these concrete tennis courts and beyond the marked space has been recently levelled off and Basket Ball gear erected. On this plot a very interesting exhibition of Basket Ball was witnessed. The Whites, (Captain Ko Sik Wai), won from the Reds, (Captain H. H. Sling) 4 to 5. The Volley Ball was won by Queen's College against the Y.M.C.A. 2-0.

In the Tennis Mr. Wolf and Mr. Watt, Mr. Rosa and Mr. Britto, represented the G.P.O. The Y.M.C.A. was represented by Messrs. McPherson, and Wilson, Chan Wai Yee and Mohler. The result was a win by the Chinese Y.M.C.A.

Prohibitions and Contraband.

The *Gazette* contains the copy of a proclamation by H.M. the King prohibiting the import of jewellery and all manufactures of gold and silver other than watches and watch cases into the United Kingdom, except under licence. Another proclamation by the King makes certain additions to and amendments in the list of articles to be treated as contraband of war. These include: Diamonds, suitable for industrial purposes; silk in all forms and the manufactures thereof; silk cocoons; artificial silk and the manufactures thereof; quillaria bark; Zirconium, cerium, thorium, and all alloys and compounds thereof; Zirconia and magnesia sand.

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THE WAR.

The following Cables were received on Saturday night and landed in our Early Morning Extra yesterday.

Western Front.

LATEST CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

BRITISH SHELL POSITIONS.

LONDON, January 20th.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We dispersed enemy working parties in the Ancre area. We shelled positions in the neighbourhood of the La Bassée Canal satisfactorily.

RECIPROCAL ARTILLERYING.

LONDON, January 20th.
A French communiqué states:—There was reciprocal artillerying in the sectors east of Auberville, Hill 304, and Les Chambrettes.

The Balkans.

LATEST CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

GREECE AND THE ENTENTE.

LONDON, January 20th.
Reuter learns that the Allies are thoroughly satisfied with the present attitude of the Greek Government. If it continues to loyally carry out the remainder of its obligations a speedy return to normal relations with the Entente is to be expected.

EARLIER CABLES.

THE BALKAN STRUGGLE.

FURTHER ATTACKS ON THE GERMANS.

LONDON, January 18th.
A Berlin official message says:—Enemy attacks on the heights in the region of Manastir, north of the Sava Valley, were repulsed with severe losses.
A British company attacked Serres, but was easily repulsed.

Naval Activities.

LATEST CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

SAFETY OF CREWS.

LONDON, January 20th.
A German official announcement states that the British steamer *Yarrowdale* was brought into a harbour on the 31st December as a prize. She had a prize crew of 19, and carried 489 members of the crew of ships captured in the Atlantic and put on board. The cargoes of these vessels comprised chiefly war-material and food-stuffs. Three British merchant ships were armed. One hundred and three neutrals among the crews were detained as prisoners because they were employed on enemy vessels.

CAPTURED CARGOES.

The cargoes of vessels captured by the auxiliary cruiser in the Atlantic included 6,000 tons of wheat, 2,000 tons of flour, and 1,000 horses. The *Yarrowdale's* cargo included 117 motor-lorries, 6,300 cases rifle cartridges, 30,000 reels barbed wire, 3,300 tons steel bars, and much meat, bacon and sausages.

LONDON, January 20th.
The steamers *Solvang*, *City of Tampico*, and *Otto* (Norwegian) have been sunk.

A MYSTERIOUS SUBMARINE.

LONDON, January 20th.
An extraordinary and unexplained tale appears in the evening papers of a Spanish submarine of 600 tons having arrived in the Sound from America bound for some Swedish port.

EARLIER CABLES.

THE SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN.

MORE STEAMERS SUNK.

LONDON, January 19th.
The following steamers have been sunk:—*Manchester*, *Inventor*, *Wrapby*, *Garfield*, and *Auchenerag* (British), and *Omik* (Danish).

HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE.

LONDON, January 19th.
A telegram from Stockholm says that the Finnish steamer *Skiftet* was torpedoed in the Gulf of Bothnia on January 14th, with a loss of 180 lives.

SPANISH STEAMER TORPEDOED.

LONDON, January 19th.
Reuter's correspondent at Madrid states that a submarine torpedoed the Spanish steamer *Manuel*, and towed the crew in a boat till she met a Swedish steamer, which picked up the men.

Egypt.

EARLIER CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE EGYPTIAN SUCCESSES.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GENERAL MURRAY.

LONDON, January 19th.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Cairo, His Majesty the King, the War Cabinet, the Sultan, General Sir Reginald Wingate, the Egyptian Premier and General Milne have telegraphed to General Murray congratulating him on the expulsion of the enemy from Sinai. The Cabinet adds:—"The operations promise further successes." Cavalry continue to round up stragglers.

G.O.M.G.

LONDON, January 20th.
General Sir Archibald Murray has received the honour of G.O.M.G.

Russian Front.

EARLIER CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

LONDON, January 18th.

A wireless Russian official message says:—The enemy has adopted the offensive in the region of Zborov. Part of a detachment entered our trenches, but were promptly driven out.
The enemy bombarded Orna and Bordenash in the valleys of Trotus and Otuz.

General.

LATEST CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE WAR LOAN.

LONDON, January 20th.

The new Rubber Sharebrokers' Association has applied for £20,000 worth of the War Loan.

A MILLION WILL.

LONDON, January 20th.

The will of Sir Joseph Boscawen has been proved at £1,000,000.

RAID ON NEWSPAPER OFFICE.

WAR OFFICE EXPLANATION.

LONDON, January 20th.

The War Office announces that the offices of the *Field* newspaper were not raided and were not searched. The Editor, Mr. Cook, was visited there, but on giving his word of honour that he had no papers connected with the White Powder Syndicate, of which he is chairman, no search was attempted. Mr. Cook's allegations contained in his letter of the 18th inst. are being investigated.

GERMAN METHODS ON THE FIELD.

PARIS, January 20th.

The *Temps* Petrograd correspondent reports that the Germans are resorting to a number of ingenious new methods with the object of reducing the number of troops holding the front line trenches. They no longer extend along the whole front, but break off at certain points. Powerful redoubts, forts, and block houses, thickly wire entangled, are constructed in the intervals between the trenches. More barbed-wire is laid out on the ground before the redoubts, and fortifications enough to resist the ordinary clippers. These measures obviate the employment of supporting reserves nearer than two miles from the front.

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT.

LONDON, January 20th.

Sir Maurice Hill succeeds Justice Deane.

CANADA'S WAR VOLUNTEERS.

OTTAWA, January 20th.

The number of Canadians who have enlisted since the War is 387,400.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, January 20th.

Messrs. Montagu's report on the silver market states that the free selling, which has been rather a feature lately, disappeared when the price fell to 36d. on the 18th inst., and offerings became more normal. Some buying orders from the Indian Bazaars and elsewhere on the 17th inst. revealed a paucity in supplies and the price rose immediately, but the amounts for disposal were unusually small.

THE COTTON TRADE.

LONDON, January 20th.

The Government has requested the directors of the Liverpool Cotton Association to urge the members not to accept orders from persons not engaged in the cotton trade, or any large future order, and thus obviate the possibility of legislation restricting trade.

The *Times* explains that the appeal is directed against gambling in "futures," which is likely to raise prices, necessitating the sending of more money to America.

SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

LONDON, January 20th.

Presiding over the Committee for the Care of Soldiers' Graves, which was attended by General Sir Charles Conyn Egerton, representing the Raj, and representatives of the Dominions, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales stated that 150,000 graves were registered, with 60 of 400 burial grounds had been beautifully laid out under the advice of the Director of Kew Gardens. The Committee considered the question of marking and taking care of Indian and Dominion soldiers' graves in Great Britain.

GERMANS IN CHINESE CUSTOMS.

PEKING, January 20th.

The Germans employed in the Chinese Maritime Customs are 37 per cent. fewer than in 1914. It is true that the Germans are using the money obtained from the Boxer Indemnity and the interest of the Redemption Loans in order to prepare for a revival of trade after the war, and are also conducting a vigorous Press propaganda, but the results of the latter appear meagre.

TROOP TRAIN COLLISION.

PARIS, January 20th.

Ten were killed and 40 injured in an accident to a British troop train. A Messy-Palassian train crowded with soldiers on turlough accidentally broke in two. The driver, not noticing, slowed up on entering the station, and the back part running downhill collided with the fore part, and several coaches were reduced to atoms. The uninjured soldiers were most active in the rescue work.

EXPLOSION NEAR LONDON.

LONDON, January 20th.

It is officially announced that an explosion occurred in a munitions factory in the neighbourhood of London last evening, and it is feared there was a considerable loss of life and damage.

GERMANS ON SWISS FRONTIER.

PARIS, January 20th.

The Germans are concentrating large forces on the Swiss frontier.

"OUR DEAR OLD GOD."

AMSTERDAM, January 20th.

Dr. Roosloot, President of the German Farmers' Union, in a speech declared that "Our dear old God had given us a hint that He caused the world harvest to be so bad that Great Britain was finding it difficult to feed herself." He urged the Government to seize the God-given opportunity to sink wheat-laden ships from India and Australia.

HINDENBURG.

THE HAGUE, January 20th.

German papers state that von Hindenburg will shortly visit the Alsatian front.

GENERAL TOWNSHEND.

LONDON, January 20th.

A Constantinople telegram states that General Townshend has been removed from Prinkipo Island to another place of internment as a "precautionary measure." This is believed to be in retaliation for the proposal to expel Turkey from Europe.

EARLIER CABLES.

FRANCO-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP.

PARIS, January 19th.

President Poincaré, interviewed by an American, said the war had improved the good Franco-American relations. Not a day had passed since the outbreak of war that President Poincaré had not received shoals of letters and gifts for the orphaned populations, and widows and orphans. France would never refuse the generous ideas of President Wilson regarding post-war agreements to ensure peace, but these must be preceded by the restoration of violated rights.

RAILWAY FARES.

LONDON, January 19th.

The recent increase in railway fares is abolished for officers, men and nurses of the British and Franco-Belgian forces.

THE GERMAN RAIDER.

SOME FURTHER PARTICULARS.

LONDON, January 19th.

With regard to the new German raider, it is now recalled that a month ago the Chilean (German-owned) barge *Tinto* escaped from the little port of Calbuco, Chile, after loading considerable supplies of provisions and live stock. It was then suspected that she was intended for privation.

Reuter's correspondent at Rio de Janeiro says the raider has also captured the *Providence* (possibly the *Snowden* range).

The raider is stated to be a vessel of the *Morse* type.
It is now known that the *Saint Theodore* was converted into a commerce-raider.

RAIDER IDENTIFIED.

RIO DE JANEIRO, January 20th.

The raider is undoubtedly the *Morse*. It is believed she left Kiel, under the Danish flag, with a cargo of bay heaped on her deck to conceal the torpedo tubes. She carried a minelaying apparatus, telescopic funnels and many supplementary plates for the purpose of changing the appearance of her deck. When last seen she was painted black, but probably she has often changed the painting, as traces of the Danish colours were noticeable on the hull beneath the last coat of paint.

THE "HUDSON-MARU."

The Minister of Marine, interviewed, stated that the *Hudson-maru* will not be interned at Pernambuco, but will remain there as a German prize, the Brazilian authorities considering her a German ship.

INSURANCE RAISED.

LONDON, January 20th.

The New York marine insurance rates to South America and the West Indies have advanced from 2 1/2 to 10 per cent., but it is believed that the raider will avoid the North Atlantic lanes.

GERMANY AND TURKEY.

LONDON, January 18th.

Mr. Balfour, referring in his recent dispatch to Turkey, says:—
In the hands of Germany, Turkey has ceased, even in appearance, to be a bulwark of peace and is openly used as an instrument of conquest. Under German officers Turkish soldiers are now fighting in lands from which they were long ago expelled and the Turkish Government, controlled, subsidised and supported by Germany, has been guilty of massacres in Armenia and Syria more horrible than any recorded in the history of even those unhappy countries.

GERMAN SOLDIERS DEMAND PEACE.

LONDON, January 18th.

A neutral correspondent of the *Times*, in a despatch from Cologne, on January 12, says the demand for peace comes from the soldiers.

General von Hindenburg had returned from the West profoundly impressed with the view that politicians must make peace by hook or by crook.

The area of the fighting in the West is known as The Grave. Every sort of influence is used to prevent the return of particular regiments and officers thither, despite the attractions of superior food and lots of amusements in the towns. Numerous Western generals have been superseded, and the number of punishments on men is appalling.

The Germans think that only submarines can snatch a victory, and it is reported that a thousand are being built.

BRITISH WAR FUNDS.

A LEVY IF NECESSARY.

LONDON, January 19th.

Mr. Bonar Law, at Glasgow, appealing on behalf of the War Loan, referred to his Guildhall speech hinting at the possibility of other methods of obtaining money. This remark had been drawn attention to, but it was only commonplace, as he preferred voluntary methods. He was confident they would succeed, but, if necessary, account would be taken of a levy on individuals and institutions. Not millions but popular hundreds would ensure the success of the Loan. He had reason to believe that behind the German military machine was an internal foundation rotten to the core.

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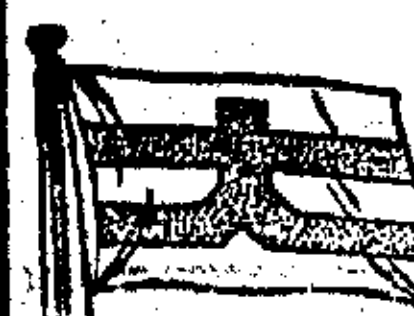
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